

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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~~A six-forward-speed, one-reverse-speed~~ An automatic speed change apparatus ~~comprises~~
including an input shaft [[100]], an intermediate shaft [[200]] and an output shaft [[300]]
arranged in parallel, ~~the~~. The input shaft ~~100 being is~~ is coupled to the intermediate shaft [[200]]
by counter gear sets ~~1, 2, 3~~ providing first, second and third drive paths, ~~the~~. The input shaft ~~100~~
~~being is~~ is provided with clutches ~~C2, C3~~ for engaging or disengaging the second and third drive
paths and with a brake ~~B2~~, ~~the~~. The intermediate shaft ~~200 being is~~ is provided with a clutch
[[C1]], a brake [[B1]] and a one-way clutch [[232]] for engaging ~~[[or]],~~ disengaging or braking
the first or third drive path and with planetary gear sets ~~20, 30, the~~ The first drive path ~~being is~~
coupled to a ring gear [[23]], the second drive path ~~being is~~ is coupled to sun gears ~~21, 31, and~~ and the
third drive path ~~being is~~ is coupled to a planetary carrier ~~34, a~~. A planetary carrier [[24]] and a ring
gear ~~33 being are~~ are connected to the intermediate shaft, and the intermediate shaft ~~being is~~ is coupled
to the output shaft by a fourth counter gear set.